

collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

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Acting Director.

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Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Emergency Review; Comment Request

March 22, 1996.

The Department of Labor has submitted the following (see below) information collection request (ICR), utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). OMB approval has been requested by April 5, 1996. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Theresa M. O'Malley (202) 219-5095).

Comments and questions about the ICR listed below should be forwarded to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Women's Bureau, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Agency: Women's Bureau.

Title: The Fair Pay Information Clearinghouse Information Collection.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Affected Public: Solicitors and/or Commissions on Women of 50 states, including local jurisdictions and school districts; approximately 20 state entities that have made fair pay adjustments, and ten researchers working in the field of fair pay.

Number of Respondents:

Approximately 180 respondents.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 9 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 1,600.

Total Burden Cost (Startup): \$19,160.

Total Burden Cost (Maintenance): \$19,160 for each subsequent year.

Description: In May 1994, the United States Department of Labor's Women's Bureau launched an unprecedented nationwide initiative—Working Women Count! The Working Women Count! questionnaire asked working women what they liked and disliked about their jobs, and what they would like to change. More than a quarter of a million women from all 50 states answered: "Improving pay scales * * *" was one of their highest priorities for workplace change, along with the way women's work is valued and recognized. They clearly conveyed that they do not receive the level of pay and benefits needed to support themselves and their families. When 75% of working women are paid \$25,000 a year or less and a majority of women workers still work in traditionally female, and often low-paid jobs, women have a difficult time providing adequately for their own and their families' needs.

At a White House event in October 1994 to highlight the results of the Working Women Count! survey, President Clinton directed Secretary Robert Reich and the Director of the Women's Bureau to develop a set of proposals to address the concerns expressed in Working Women Count! On April 10, 1995, President Clinton accepted the Women's Bureau recommendations on the Federal government's role in making work better for women. The Fair Pay Information Clearinghouse is an integral component of the Bureau's recommendations to assist employees and employers who want to improve wage-setting practices by valuing the work done by a majority of women workers in the United States.

The Clearinghouse's computerized database information will provide technical assistance on successful efforts to identify and remove sex and race discrimination in wage setting policies. Clearinghouse customers will include employees, employers, and organizations. Technical assistance will be available to customers contacting the Clearinghouse during normal business hours and access to the Clearinghouse

database will be available on a 24-hour basis by means of the Internet.

Theresa M. O'Malley,

Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.

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Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petitions for Modification

The following parties have filed petitions to modify the application of mandatory safety standards under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

1. Energy West Mining Company

[Docket No. M-96-01-C]

Energy West Mining Company, 15 North Main Street, P.O. Box 310, Huntington, Utah 84528 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.326 (now 75.350) (air courses and belt haulage entries) to its Deer Creek Mine (I.D. No. 42-00121) located in Emery County, Utah. The petitioner requests amendments to MSHA's Proposed Decision and Order (PDO) regarding its Petition for Modification, Case No. 86-MSA-3, docket number M-85-127-C, proposal to modify application of the existing standards to conduct longwall mining with two entries in longwall panels under deep cover. The petitioner requests changes to two requirements of the previous decision and order due to changes in circumstances at its Deer Creek Mine. The petitioner requests that paragraph III.(c)(4) be amended to strike the first two clauses of the paragraph, so that the paragraph begins with the phrase "All diesel powered equipment operated on any two-entry longwall development or two-entry longwall panel," and to replace the period at the end of the paragraph with a comma and add at the end of the paragraph the phrase: "with the exception of the following diesel-powered equipment approved under 30 CFR part 32 (Schedule 24): ambulances used in emergency situations, mantrips, and other vehicles used to transport personnel to and from work areas." The petitioner asserts that this amendment would provide a more reliable and safer means of transporting personnel to and from work areas. In paragraph III.(o) of the PDO, the petitioner requests that the word "on" be removed from the sentence "Also, during longwall retreat mining in the two-entry panel, a rock dusting unit shall be installed on the last tailgate shield", and substitute in the words "at or near." The petitioner asserts that this change would permit the use of other rock dusting systems,